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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
4 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

5 LILIANA M. MESKE,

6 Plaintiff,

7 v.

8 AMANDA RENZELMAN,
9 individually and in her official capacity;
10 DON W. ANDERSON, individually
11 and in his official capacity; ASOTIN
12 COUNTY, a political subdivision of the
State of Washington, and JOHN DOE
1-10,

Defendants.

No. 2:15-cv-00359-SMJ

**ORDER DENYING
DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

13 **I. INTRODUCTION**

14 In the late afternoon on January 5, 2015, Plaintiff Liliana Meske was
15 arrested for driving under the influence (DUI) and taken to the Asotin County Jail.
16 At the jail, Ms. Meske was restrained, forcibly stripped of her clothing, and placed
17 in a suicide smock. She suffered serious injuries in this process, including a
18 broken rib and a contusion on her head. The officers involved in booking Ms.
19 Meske, Deputy Amanda Renzelman and Sgt. Don Anderson, assert that Ms.
20 Meske was belligerent, suicidal, and refusing to comply with their directions.

1 They insist their use of force was necessary and reasonable. They also assert that
2 Ms. Meske's injuries resulted from her falling and hitting her head on the wall and
3 hitting her chest on a stool. Ms. Meske acknowledges having limited memory of
4 what happened.

5 Ms. Meske alleges that Deputy Renzelman and Sgt. Anderson used
6 excessive force in violation of her Fourth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment
7 rights. ECF No. 1 at 6–7. She also makes state-law battery and emotional distress
8 claims. ECF No. 1 at 7–8. Defendants move for summary judgment on each of
9 these claims, arguing that (1) Ms. Meske has not alleged a basis for municipal
10 liability against Asotin County under 42 U.S.C. § 1983; (2) the use of force by
11 corrections officers was reasonable; and (3) even if the use of force was a
12 constitutional violation, the officers are entitled to qualified immunity.¹ For the
13 reasons discussed below, Ms. Meske has alleged a basis for municipal liability
14 against Asotin County, the individual defendants have not, on the present record,
15 demonstrated that they are entitled to qualified immunity, and issues of fact
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17 ¹ Defendants filed a separate motion for partial summary judgment for failure to
18 produce and compute damages. ECF No. 41. Defendants argue that Ms. Meske's
19 claims for loss of income must be dismissed because she has failed to produce and
20 compute damages to support the claim as required under Rule 26. At the hearing
on this motion, Ms. Meske's counsel acknowledged that she has no claim for lost
wages. Accordingly, Defendants' motion is granted and Ms. Meske's claim for
lost wages is dismissed.

1 preclude summary judgment on each of Ms. Meske's claims. Accordingly,
2 Defendants' motion for summary judgment is denied.

3 **II. BACKGROUND**

4 On January 5, 2015, in the late afternoon, Ms. Meske was arrested for
5 DUI and transported to the Asotin County Jail, where she was booked. ECF
6 No. 37 at 4-5; ECF No. 36 at 2. The corrections officers involved in booking
7 Ms. Meske, Deputy Renzelman and Sgt. Anderson, aver that she appeared
8 intoxicated, was uncooperative, and said she was suicidal. ECF No. 36 at 2;
9 ECF No. 39 at 2. Ms. Meske refused requests to submit a breath sample. ECF
10 No. 70 at 6.

11 Ms. Meske told the officer who arrested her and Sgt. Anderson at the jail
12 that she had recently tried to commit suicide and wanted to talk to her attorney
13 about her will.² *Id.* at 6. She also made suicidal statements such as "just shoot
14 me now." *Id.* at 7. Sgt. Anderson made the decision to put Ms. Meske in a
15 suicidal smock, and he directed a female officer, Deputy Renzelman, to place
16 Ms. Meske in the smock. ECF No. 38 at 9; ECF No. 39 at 2.

17 The officers provide the following version of events after Sgt. Anderson
18 directed Deputy Renzelman to place Ms. Meske in the suicidal smock:
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20 ² Sgt. Anderson contacted Ms. Meske's attorney and gave the phone to Ms.
Meske. She reportedly left a voice message. ECF No. 70 at 6.

1 Deputy Renzelman states that when she approached Ms. Meske, Ms.
2 Meske attempted to force her way out of the cell by walking into Deputy
3 Renzelman. ECF No. 38 at 2. Deputy Renzelman then directed Ms. Meske to
4 sit down; Ms. Meske initially refused, but eventually sat after being directed to
5 do so by Sgt. Anderson. *Id.* Next, Deputy Renzelman directed Ms. Meske to
6 remove her jewelry. *Id.* Ms. Meske refused and, according to Deputy
7 Renzelman, said “I am a big important person. You are all done, done, I am
8 going to sue you.” *Id.* at 3. Deputy Renzelman told Ms. Meske several more
9 times to remove the jewelry, to which Ms. Meske responded “come on and do
10 it” and “come on and take it then.” *Id.* Deputy Renzelman states that Ms.
11 Meske then began to stand up, at which time Deputy Renzelman put Ms.
12 Meske’s right arm in a wrist lock and placed her on the south wall of the cell.
13 *Id.*; ECF No. 39 at 3. Sgt. Anderson came in and assisted, controlling Ms.
14 Meske’s left arm while Deputy Renzelman controlled her right. ECF No. 38 at
15 3.

16 While Ms. Meske was restrained, Deputy Renzelman removed Ms.
17 Meske’s bracelets. *Id.* Deputy Renzelman states that during this time Ms.
18 Meske continued to try to keep her arm from Deputy Renzelman and said “you
19 are a fat ugly bitch,” and “you are only doing this to make yourself feel
20 better.” *Id.* Another corrections officer, Deputy MacArthur, then stepped into

1 the cell and removed the rest of Ms. Meske's jewelry. *Id.* at 4; ECF No. 39 at
2 3. Deputy Renzelman then removed Ms. Meske's belt, and Ms. Meske
3 allegedly said "you like that, huh" and flicked her tongue at Deputy
4 Renzelman. ECF No. 38 at 4.

5 Sgt. Anderson and Deputy Renzelman escorted Ms. Meske to a changing
6 room. *Id.*; ECF No. 39 at 3. Sgt. Anderson instructed Ms. Meske that if she did
7 not follow Deputy Renzelman's directions he would assist in changing her
8 clothing. ECF No. 38 at 4; ECF No. 39 at 3. After Sgt. Anderson stepped out,
9 Deputy Renzelman instructed Ms. Meske to remove her shirt and bra. ECF No.
10 38 at 4. Ms. Meske followed these instructions, then turned to Deputy
11 Renzelman and reportedly said "do you like my titties? They are real unlike
12 yours." *Id.* Renzelman next instructed Ms. Meske several times to remove her
13 pants and boots. *Id.* at 5. Ms. Meske refused and said "do you like what you
14 see" several times. *Id.* Deputy Renzelman states that Ms. Meske then said
15 "come and get it, bitch," at which time Deputy Renzelman grasped Ms.
16 Meske's left arm in escort position. *Id.*

17 Ms. Meske, who was wearing high-heeled shoes, began to lose her
18 balance and stagger forward, ultimately tripping on a stool in the changing
19 room. *Id.* According to Deputy Renzelman, as Ms. Meske fell, she hit her head
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1 on the wall, hit her side on a stool, and fell to the floor. *Id.* After Ms. Meske
2 fell, she began screaming on the floor. *Id.*

3 Sgt. Anderson says that at this time he heard Ms. Meske yell, followed
4 by a thumping noise, and then Deputy Renzelman yelling at Ms. Meske to stop
5 resisting. ECF No. 39 at 4. Sgt. Anderson then entered the changing room
6 because he was concerned about Deputy Renzelman's safety. *Id.* He observed
7 Deputy Renzelman in a prone position with Ms. Meske on the floor face down.
8 *Id.* Sgt. Anderson assisted Deputy Renzelman by holding Ms. Meske's lower
9 body while Deputy Renzelman tried to control Ms. Meske's arms. ECF No. 38
10 at 5; ECF No. 39 at 4. Deputy Renzelman instructed Ms. Meske to stop
11 fighting, but she refused. ECF No. 38 at 5. After multiple orders, Ms. Meske
12 eventually put her right arm behind her back and she was handcuffed. *Id.* at 6.
13 After Ms. Meske was restrained, Sgt. Anderson removed her pants, shoes, and
14 socks. *Id.*; ECF No. 39 at 4. Deputy Renzelman attempted to remove Ms.
15 Meske's underwear, and eventually cut them off using scissors. ECF No. 38 at
16 6; ECF No. 39 at 4.

17 Once Ms. Meske's clothing was removed, Deputy Renzelman placed
18 Ms. Meske in a suicide smock, and Deputy Renzelman and MacArthur
19 escorted her to the booking room. ECF No. 38 at 7. Medics examined Ms.
20 Meske and advised the corrections officers to keep an eye on her and call them

1 if she would not wake up or if her pupils were uneven. ECF No. 39 at 5.

2 Deputy Renzelman had no further interaction with Ms. Meske. ECF No. 38 at

3 7. Deputy MacArthur and Sgt. Anderson escorted Ms. Meske to a hold cell and

4 removed her handcuffs. There were no further incidents. ECF No. 39 at 5.

5 Ms. Meske provided the following information:

6 First, she does not remember many specifics from the event and denies

7 any memory of (1) trying to leave the room or making physical contact with

8 Deputy Renzelman when Deputy Renzelman initially told her to sit down; (2)

9 purposefully refusing Deputy Renzelman's directions; (3) being told to stop

10 fighting; (4) making threatening statements or calling the officers names; (5)

11 Sgt. Anderson speaking to her; or (6) that she was examined by medics. ECF

12 No. 50 at 3. She does admit "freaking out" and fighting Deputy Renzelman

13 and Sgt. Anderson when they attempted to place her in a suicide smock. ECF

14 No. 70 at 11.

15 Ms. Meske states that Deputy Renzelman kneed her in the rib cage,

16 causing a fracture, and that she was beat up. ECF No. 50 at 3. She further

17 states that being forced to be naked and have her underwear forcefully

18 removed aggravated trauma stemming from childhood sexual abuse. *Id.* at 4.

19 She sought medical treatment after her release. *Id.* at 3.

1 Ms. Meske's medical records support that she sustained serious injuries,
2 including a contusion on her forehead, swelling beneath her right eye, bruising
3 in several locations on her body, and a rib fracture. ECF No. 51-1 at 2–3, 14.
4 The records also reflect that she complained of a serious headache. ECF No.
5 51-2 at 6. Photographs revealed significant bruising. ECF No. 51-4 at 1–17.

6 **III. LEGAL STANDARD**

7 Summary judgment is appropriate if the “movant shows that there is no
8 genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a
9 matter of law.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a). Once a party has moved for summary
10 judgment, the opposing party must point to specific facts establishing that there is
11 a genuine dispute for trial. *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 324 (1986). If
12 the nonmoving party fails to make such a showing for any of the elements
13 essential to its case for which it bears the burden of proof, the trial court should
14 grant the summary judgment motion. *Id.* at 322. “When the moving party has
15 carried its burden under Rule [56(a)], its opponent must do more than simply
16 show that there is some metaphysical doubt as to the material facts. . . . [T]he
17 nonmoving party must come forward with ‘specific facts showing that there is a
18 genuine issue for trial.’” *Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp.*, 475
19 U.S. 574, 586–87 (1986) (internal citation omitted). When considering a motion
20 for summary judgment, the Court does not weigh the evidence or assess

credibility; instead, “the evidence of the non-movant is to be believed, and all justifiable inferences are to be drawn in his favor.” *Sgt. Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 255 (1986). “In short, what is required to defeat summary judgment is simply evidence ‘such that a reasonable juror drawing all inferences in favor of the respondent could return a verdict in the respondent’s favor.’” *Zetwick v. Cnty. of Yolo*, 850 F.3d 436, 441 (9th Cir. 2017) (quoting *Reza v. Pearce*, 806 F.3d 497, 505 (9th Cir. 2015)).

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Constitutional Claims

1. Factual questions remain regarding whether Asotin County can be held liable under § 1983.

“[A] municipality cannot be held liable under § 1983 on a respondeat superior theory.” *Monell v. Dep’t of Soc. Servs. of City of New York*, 436 U.S. 658, 691 (1978). Instead, a municipality is responsible for its officials’ unconstitutional conduct under § 1983 only if the conduct was caused by a municipal policy, practice, or custom. *Menotti v. City of Seattle*, 409 F.3d 1113, 1147 (9th Cir. 2005). A plaintiff may establish a municipal policy, practice, or custom in one of three ways: (1) “the plaintiff may prove that a city employee committed the alleged constitutional violation pursuant to a formal government policy or a longstanding practice or custom which constitutes the standard operating procedure of the [city]”; (2) the plaintiff may show “that the individual

1 who committed the constitutional tort was an official with final policy-making
2 authority”; or (3) “the plaintiff may prove that an official with final policy-making
3 authority ratified a subordinate’s unconstitutional decision or action and the basis
4 for it.” *Hooper v. City of Pasco*, 241 F.3d 1067, 1083 (9th Cir. 2001). Inadequate
5 training may serve as the basis for § 1983 liability where the failure to train
6 amounts to deliberate indifference and was a closely related cause of the alleged
7 violation of a plaintiff’s rights. *See City of Canton v. Harris*, 489 U.S. 378, 388–
8 89, 391 (1989).

9 Defendants argue that Ms. Meske has not shown any official policy or
10 custom allowing corrections staff to commit unprovoked violence against inmates.
11 ECF No. 34 at 13. Defendants further argue that Defendants have not shown a
12 deliberately indifferent policy of training or supervision that was closely related to
13 the cause of the violation, as required for a failure to train theory. ECF No. 34 at
14 14.

15 Ms. Meske argues that the individual defendants alleged unlawful use of
16 force was the result of longstanding customs and practices of Asotin County,
17 including that the Sheriff’s department has known of the use of excessive force
18 and constitutional violations, yet has persisted in denying wrongdoing, failing to
19 investigate or discipline, and failing to train or supervise employees. ECF No. 57
20 at 19. Ms. Meske also asserts that there was no formal training regarding allegedly

1 suicidal persons and persons with serious mental health conditions in police
2 custody, and that the County had no formal policy for the use of suicidal smocks.
3 ECF No. 57 at 20.

4 The Asotin County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure Manual addresses
5 suicide prevention and mental health management, including by providing that:

6 All corrections staff shall be trained in recognizing possible suicidal
7 behavior before being assigned to a permanent duty post. Upon
8 recognizing such behavior, staff will take steps to prevent inmate
injury and notify the jail doctor and mental health professionals as
soon as possible.

9 ECF No. 39-2 at 20. And after placing an inmate who is intoxicated in a holding
10 cell, officers are directed to "remove all items from the inmate and holding cell
11 which could be used by the inmate to inflict self-harm." ECF No. 39-2 at 41. The
12 policy does not directly address suicide smocks.

13 Based on the record before the Court at this time, it is unclear whether
14 Asotin County failed to provide officers working in the Asotin County Jail
15 adequate suicide and mental health training, and if not, whether that inadequate
16 training amounted to deliberate indifference or was related to the alleged
17 constitutional violations here. Ms. Meske's allegations combined with the fact that
18 the Sheriff's Office policy provides little specific detail (and does not address
19 suicide smocks) and that no evidence in the record indicates whether officers
20 received any substantive training on these issues beyond reading the policy, is

1 sufficient to create a factual question that cannot be resolved on summary
2 judgment.

3 **2. Issues of fact preclude summary judgment on whether the Sgt.**
4 **Anderson's and Deputy Renzelman's use of force was**
5 **unconstitutional.**

6 In assessing a Fourth Amendment excessive force claim, the court must
7 consider whether the use of force was objectively reasonable, considering (1) the
8 severity of the plaintiff's alleged crime; (2) whether the plaintiff posed an
9 immediate threat to the safety of the officers or others; and (3) whether the
10 plaintiff actively resisted arrest. *Gregory v. City of Maui*, 523 F.3d 1103, 1106
11 (9th Cir. 2008). Additionally, under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth
12 Amendment, corrections officers may not use force on pre-trial detainees that
13 amounts to punishment. *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386, 395 n. 10 (1989).
14 Greater force is permissible where a person is actively resisting arrest, *See Arpin*,
15 261 F.3d at 912, but reasonableness is always a factual question.

16 Defendants argue that, even accepting Ms. Meske's claim that Deputy
17 Renzelman kneed her in the ribs to be true, this force was justified under the
18 circumstances. ECF No. 34 at 9-10. For the purpose of considering this question,
19 Defendants ask the Court to credit Deputy Renzelman's and Sgt. Anderson's
20 account of the incident because Ms. Meske admits to having limited memory of

1 what occurred, and therefore has not pointed to specific evidence to dispute the
2 officers' assertions. ECF No. 72.

3 Ms. Meske acknowledges that she does not have a good memory of the
4 incident. But she does not lack memory altogether. And Ms. Meske's claimed lack
5 of detailed memory is believable given that she was intoxicated and allegedly
6 suffered trauma. More importantly, Ms. Meske's medical records support her
7 claims that she suffered relatively severe injuries that may be inconsistent with
8 reasonable restraint or a fall.

9 In asking the court to simply accept the corrections' officers' statements
10 that their actions were reasonable, Defendants overlook that even under the
11 officers' version of events, this incident is troubling. Law enforcement officers
12 restrained a woman with apparent mental health issues and forcibly removed her
13 clothing, including cutting off her underwear. And someone or something hit her
14 hard enough to break a rib. Further, no evidence has been presented that Ms.
15 Meske was an objective threat to the officers. Instead, the evidence in the record
16 demonstrates only that she was being uncooperative and taunting the officers. On
17 top of that, Ms. Meske's medical records support relatively severe injuries.

18 A jury may be likely to credit the officers' testimony in light Ms. Meske's
19 lack of memory, but it is impossible to say without evaluating their credibility as
20 witnesses with live testimony. At this summary judgment stage, the Court must

1 view the evidence in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. Based on
2 the facts presently in the record, a reasonable juror could find that Deputy
3 Renzelman and Sgt. Anderson used unreasonable force to strip Ms. Meske and
4 place her in a suicide smock.

5 **3. Sgt. Anderson and Deputy Renzelman are not entitled to**
6 **qualified immunity at this time.**

7 “The doctrine of qualified immunity protects government officials ‘from
8 liability for civil damages insofar as their conduct does not violate clearly
9 established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would
10 have known.’” *Pearson v. Callahan*, 555 U.S. 223, 231 (2009) (quoting *Harlow v.*
11 *Fitzgerald*, 457 U.S. 800, 818, (1982)). To determine whether an official is
12 entitled to qualified immunity, courts generally apply a two-part inquiry: “First,
13 do the facts the plaintiff alleges show a violation of a constitutional right? Second,
14 was the right ‘clearly established’ at the time of the alleged misconduct.” *Carrillo*
15 *v. Cnty. of L.A.*, 798 F.3d 1210, 1218 (9th Cir. 2015) (internal citations omitted).
16 “An officer cannot be said to have violated a clearly established right unless the
17 right’s contours were sufficiently definite that any reasonable official in his shoes
18 would have understood that he was violating it, meaning that existing precedent
19 placed the statutory or constitutional question beyond debate.” *Id.* (quoting *City &*
20 *Cnty. of S.F. v. Sheehan*, 135 S. Ct. 1765, 1774 (2015)).

1 Assuming Sgt. Anderson's and Deputy Renzelman's use of force was
2 excessive, the relevant question for qualified immunity is whether it would have
3 been sufficiently clear to any reasonable officer in the same circumstance that the
4 force used was unlawful. *See id.*; *Byran v. MacPherson*, 630 F.3d 805, 832 (9th
5 Cir. 2010).

6 Defendants argue that under the circumstances, it was not clearly
7 established that a single strike with the knee as a pain compliance technique on an
8 inmate actively resisting arrest was unconstitutional. ECF No. 34 at 12. Plaintiff's
9 argument reflects her different view of the facts. She argues that no reasonable
10 officer would believe it was lawful to hit a person's head against a wall and knee
11 her so hard that it fractured her rib. ECF No. 57 at 8.

12 In the Court's view the issue of qualified immunity is not confined to
13 whether Deputy Renzelman in fact kneed Ms. Meske and whether Deputy
14 Renzelman hit Ms. Meske's head against the wall as opposed to Ms. Meske
15 falling and hitting her head. Instead, there are numerous questions relating to the
16 overall use of force here that led to Ms. Meske being restrained and forcibly
17 stripped, resulting in serious injuries. At this time, there is simply not a clear
18 enough picture of the facts to resolve the question of qualified immunity for either
19 Deputy Renzelman or Sgt. Anderson.

1 **B. Issues of fact preclude summary judgment on Ms. Meske’s state-law**
2 **claims.**

3 Ms. Meske alleges state law battery and intentional or negligent infliction of
4 emotional distress claims. “Battery is ‘[a] harmful or offensive contact with a
5 person, resulting from an act intended to cause the plaintiff or a third person to
6 suffer such a contact, or apprehension that such a contact is imminent.’”
7 *McKinney v. City of Tukwila*, 13 P.3d 631, 641 (Wash. App. 2000) (quoting W.
8 Page Keeton, et al., *Prosser and Keeton on Torts* § 9 at 39 (5th ed. 1984)). To
9 establish a claim of intentional infliction of emotional distress a plaintiff must
10 show that “(1) he or she suffered severe emotional distress; (2) the emotional
11 distress was inflicted intentionally or recklessly, but not negligently; (3) the
12 conduct complained of was outrageous and extreme; and (4) he or she personally
13 was the subject of the outrageous conduct.” *Grange Ins. Ass’n v. Roberts*, 320
14 P.3d 77, 86 (Wash. App. 2013). Conduct meets this standard only when it is so
15 outrageous and extreme “as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency, and to
16 be regarded as atrocious, and utterly intolerable in a civilized community.” *Id.* To
17 establish a claim of negligent infliction of emotional distress a plaintiff must prove
18 “duty, breach, proximate cause, damage, and ‘objective symptomatology.’”
19 *Kumar v. Gate Gourmet Inc.*, 325 P.3d 193, 205 (Wash. 2014) (quoting *Strong v.*
20 *Terrell*, 195 P.3d 977, 982 (Wash. App. 2008)).

1 First, Defendants argue that Deputy Renzelman and Sgt. Anderson are
2 entitled to state-law qualified immunity with respect to these claims. ECF No. 34
3 at 15, 17. A police or corrections officer is entitled to qualified immunity under
4 state law where the officer “(1) carries out a statutory duty, (2) according to
5 procedures dictated to him by statute and superiors, and (3) acts reasonably.” *Id.* at
6 640 (quoting *Staats v. Brown*, 991 P.2d 615, 627 (Wash. 2000)); *see also* RCW
7 9A.16.020(1) (providing that use of force is not unlawful “[w]henever necessarily
8 used by a public officer in the performance of a legal duty.”). Deputy Renzelman
9 and Sgt. Anderson were carrying out their statutory duty, but as discussed,
10 issues of fact remain regarding whether they acted according to procedures and
11 whether they acted reasonably.

12 With respect to the emotional distress claims, Defendants also argue that the
13 officers’ conduct was not outrageous and extreme and that Ms. Meske has not
14 shown that she suffered from emotional distress or objective symptomatology
15 relating to the incident at issue here. ECF No. 34 at 19. Factual questions preclude
16 resolution of these claims on summary judgment. As discussed, the officers here
17 restrained a woman with apparent mental health issues and forcibly removed her
18 clothing, and she suffered serious injuries. A reasonable juror could find that these
19 facts support an emotional distress claim.

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V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF No. 34, is
DENIED.

2. Defendant's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment for Failure to
Produce and Compute Damages, **ECF No. 41**, is **GRANTED.**
Plaintiff's claim for lost-wages damages is **DISMISSED.**

3. Defendant's Motion to Establish Undisputed Facts, **ECF No. 72**, is
DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order
and provide copies to all counsel.

DATED this 21st day of September 2017.



SALVADOR MENDOZA, JR.
United States District Judge